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REMARKS

Status Summary

In this amendment, no claims are added, and no claims are canceled. Therefore, upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-20 will remain pending.

In the Official Action, all the claims were indicated as allowable except for formal matters. The corrections to claims 15 and 19 have been made exactly as suggested in the Official Action.

With regard to claim 6, the reference in line 5 of claim 6 to step (b) of claim 1 has been changed to refer to step (d) of claim 1, rather than step (e) as suggested in the Official Action. Lines 4-5 of claim 6 now recite, "the location obtained in step (d)," which refers to "a location in the data structure" from step (d) of claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that line 5 of claim 6 should refer to step (d) of claim 1 rather than step (e) as suggested in the Official Action.

Because all of the changes requested in the Official Action have been made, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance, and an early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

If any small matter should remain outstanding after the Patent Examiner has had an opportunity to review the above Remarks, the Patent Examiner is respectfully

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requested to telephone the undersigned patent attorney in order to resolve these matters and avoid the issuance of another Official Action.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Although no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account No. 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

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